

PATENT APPLICATION

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Applicants: Waltherus J.W. van Venrooij, et al.

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For: PEPTIDE DERIVED FROM AN ANTIGEN
RECOGNIZED BY AUTOANTIBODIES FROM PATIENTS WITH
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, ANTIBODY DIRECTED AGAINST
SAID PEPTIDE, A COMBINATORIAL ANTIGEN, AND A METHOD
OF DETECTING AUTO-IMMUNE ANTIBODIES

Group Art Unit _____

Examiner: UNKNOWN

DECLARATION OF WALTHERUS JACOBUS WILHELMUS VAN VENROOIJ
IN SUPPORT OF PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 (a)

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

I, WALTHERUS JACOBUS WILHELMUS VAN VENROOIJ, in support of the Petition under § 1.47(a),
declare that:

Since the culmination of a disturbed working relationship, Gerardus Antonius Schellekens
(Schellekens) has not worked at the biochemistry laboratory of the University of Nijmegen since the first day of
February 1999. I received the Declaration and Power of Attorney on June 9, 1999, and contacted Dr. Schel-
lekens by telephone on June 10, 1999, and asked him to sign said documents. Dr. G. Schellekens orally
agreed to have a look at the documents and a letter containing the above documents was hand delivered to

Schellekens on June 11, 1999. The documents were returned unsigned by mail together with a letter indicating an absolute refusal to sign.

According to the Dutch Patent Law, as well as the contract with his employer at the time of the invention, Dr. G. Schellekens is under an obligation to transfer all rights to the subject invention.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein to my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: Sept 20, 1999



Waltherus J.W. Van Venrooij